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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: New Patent Application in U.S.  
Applicant: Kenji SAKAI, et al.  
Title: SLIDING MATERIAL MADE OF COPPER ALLOY...  
Atty's Docket: SAKAI6

Sir:

Attached herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

- [X] Specification (22 pages), claims (2 pages) and abstract (1 page)  
[X] 6 Sheet Drawings (Figures 1-6)  
[X] **FORMAL** [ ] Informal  
[X] Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages)  
[X] Newly executed [ ] Copy from prior application no. \_\_\_\_  
[ ] Preliminary Amendment  
[ ] Computer-readable Sequence Listing  
[ ] Supplemental Preliminary Amendment adding new claims -  
[ ] Information Disclosure Statement with 1449 and references  
[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. A copy of the statement is attached. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
[X] Please charge my American Express Account, Form PTO-2038 attached in the amount of \$ 710.00 to cover:  
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- [ ] Other Fees: \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] Other Attachments: \_\_\_\_\_.
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The following statements are applicable:

- [X] The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of: Application No.2000-053799 in Japan on February 29, 2000. A certified copy of said priority document [X] is attached [ ] was filed in progenitor case \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] Applicant hereby requests that this application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122 (a). It is certified on behalf of applicant that the invention disclosed in the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing
- [ ] The present application is a Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part of prior claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional application no. , filed .
- [ ] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [ ] A signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is attached.
- [ ] The prior application was assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a continuation/division/continuation-in-part claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional of copending parent application Serial No. , filed .--
- [ ] Certain documents were previously cited or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the following prior application \_\_\_\_\_,

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which is relied upon under 35 USC §120. Applicants identify these documents by attaching hereto a form PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per Section 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

[X] Please associate this application with Customer No. 001444.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-4035:

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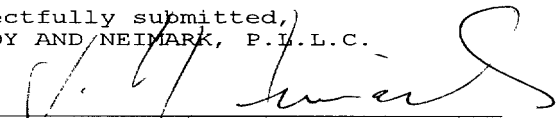
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Respectfully submitted,  
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